

Bluegrass Dog Sports

Licensed by the American Kennel Club

Saturday #1 02/24/2024	Saturday #2 02/24/2024	Sunday #1 02/25/2024	Sunday #2 02/25/2024
All Breed Scent Work #2024728304	All Breed Scent Work #2024728303	All Breed Scent Work #2024728306	All Breed Scent Work #2024728305

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ENTRY FEE, LIMITS, METHOD, and DATES

ENTRY FEE -- \$50 each Detective search, \$25 each Handler Discrimination search
ENTRY LIMITS - Detective limited to 20 runs per trial
Handler Discrimination limited to 45 runs per trial

METHOD OF ENTRY – First Received

OPENING DATE – January 8, 2024 at 12:00 PM Eastern
ENTRY CLOSING DATE – February 7, 2024 at 12:00 PM Eastern

[ONLINE ENTRY AVAILABLE HERE](#)

Mail entry forms and fees to BGDS PO Box 85 Salvisa KY 40372 Please make checks payable to **BGDS** acting as agent for Michiana Scent Work Club for these events. Payments drawn on non-US banks must be accompanied by a \$20 processing fee.

Entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as invalid entries and returned to the sender. After the close date, no entries may be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Regulations for AKC Scent Work. Envelopes containing entries for more than 5 dogs will be considered invalid entries.



CERTIFICATION - Permission has been granted by The American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under The American Kennel Club Rules & Regulations. *Gina M. DiNardo, Secretary*

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF Michiana Scent Work Club

President: Sandie Nagel Vice President: Angela Ogle Treasurer: Sharon Jonas
Secretary: Holly Rupprecht

Event Committee: Theresa Wilp, Brydon Christensen, Sharon Jonas and any other club members in attendance

TRIAL LOCATION AND HOURS

Saturday: New Harvest Assembly of God 3864 US-127 S. Frankfort, KY 40601

Sunday: Tin Woof Inn 110 Northgate Dr Frankfort, KY40601

Saturday - Sunday – 7 AM to 6 PM Eastern

AM check-in from 8:00 – 8:30 AM daily PM check-in To Follow Trial 1

All exhibitors must be checked in by end of check-in period above or they will be considered "ABSENT".

Briefings will held at end of check-in time with searches commencing immediately thereafter.

Per Chapter 3, Section 14 of the Regulations for AKC Scent Work, it is not appropriate to scout the trial location prior to the trial date. Many search locations are real-life environments and such visits may risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location in the future.

DIRECTIONS TO TRIAL SITE

Saturday: From I64 Take 127 South 2.5 Miles. New Harvest is on the right side of the road.

Sunday: From I64 Take US-60 N towards Frankfort. Take ramp (US-127) Holmes Street toward Frankfort/KY-2261 S. (turn RT at end of ramp) .5 miles turn left onto Northgate Drive. Tin Woof Inn on left at end of road.

JUDGES

Darlayne Jewell (106239)

Sharon Jonas (101767)

326 Eastview Circle

410 E 100 North

Shelbyville, KY 40065

Valparasio, IN 46383

CLASSES OFFERED & JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS

	Saturday 1 & 2 02/25/2023	Sunday 1 & 2 02/26/2023
Handler Discrimination Novice A/B	Sharon Jonas	Sharon Jonas
Handler Discrimination Advanced	Sharon Jonas	Sharon Jonas
Handler Discrimination Excellent	Sharon Jonas	Sharon Jonas
Handler Discrimination Master	Sharon Jonas	Sharon Jonas
Detective	Darlayne Jewell	Darlayne Jewell

Inside crating will NOT be available at these trials.

Limited overnight RV parking may be available at Tin Woof Inn. Contact Event Secretary for details.

CANCELLATION DUE TO COVID-19

If the trials have to be cancelled due to circumstances relating to COVID-19, this decision will be made on or before the Entry Closing Date. As such, no entry fee payments will be deposited and they will be shredded.

ENTRY AND NOTIFICATIONS

Entries must be made on an Official American Kennel Club Entry Form, signed by the actual owner or duly authorized agent. Checks returned by bank do not constitute a valid entry fee. Collection fees of \$50 will be added to the amount of each returned check. Do not send entries by any method which requires a signature for acceptance. ***Cancellation of entries must be made in writing and received prior to the stated close of entries.***

Entry fees include \$3.50 AKC recording fee. Make checks payable to **BGDS**, who is acting as agent for Michiana Scent Work Club for these events. Mail entry forms and fees to Event Secretary. No entries will be accepted by phone, e-mail, or fax. ONLINE ENTRIES AVAILABLE-- [MSWC Online Entry](#). Entries which require a signature for acceptance will not be accepted. No entry shall be made or accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance. FED EX DOES NOT DELIVER TO A PO BOX. Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor.

Entries will be accepted until the Close Date of February 7th at 12:00 PM. All entries received will be accepted under First Received method. A Judging Program will be e-mailed to the entrants as soon as practical after the Entry Closing Date. Should you not receive such notification within a reasonable amount of time, please contact the Event Secretary.

REFUNDS

No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee. Entries withdrawn for any reason after closing date and time are not eligible for a refund unless their entry is replaced by a wait-listed entry (except for bitches in season). No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, and act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee.

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

Trials are open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), and AKC Canine Partners listing number, or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate. Dogs with PAL/ILP or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, the dog displays no sign of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Deaf and blind dogs are allowed to enter.

Aggressive dogs or dogs suffering from an injury or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance may not participate. No dog shall compete if it is sutured, bandaged, or has any visible wounds.

BITCHES IN SEASON

Bitches in season MAY NOT participate. Refund of entry fees for bitches entered in the Trial that come in season after the closing date may be obtained by providing a veterinarian's certificate to the Event Secretary no later than 30 minutes before the start of the first class on the day of the trial.

WAITING LIST

If necessary, a wait list will be established to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial's closing date and time. A maximum of 20 entries per day will be placed on the wait list. All entries, including wait-listed entries, must be received by the Event Secretary prior to the Event Closing Date and Time. Any wait list entry that does not move off the wait list into the trial will receive a full refund.

HANDLING MORE THAN ONE DOG

Handlers may not handle more than one dog in each class with the exception of the Handler Discrimination classes. Multiple dogs from the same owner may be entered in the same class provided they are run by different handlers. Novice A and Novice B are considered to be different sections of the same class. (AKC Scent Work Regulations Chapter 2, Sections 10, 11).

CLASS TRANSFERS

A move-up transfer may be requested if, according to the owner's records, the handler and dog are eligible and the dog has completed the requirements for the title after the closing date of the trial in which the advanced entry is to be made. A move-down transfer may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in a higher level class for which it is not eligible. A lateral transfer may be requested if the owner mistakenly entered the dog in Novice A and it is not eligible. The

request for a class transfer must be submitted in writing to the Event Secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial. Transfers may be approved provided the class is available and has not reached its limit, if there is one.

EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN

Exhibitors must check in at each trial they are entered. At check-in, exhibitors will receive their number.

Judges are not required to wait for dogs. The owner/handler of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

The Handler's Briefing will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. In the Handler's Briefing, the judge will explain if there's an off-leash option, number of hides, maximum height of hides, and maximum time for the search. NO DOGS are to be present during the Handler's Briefing.

A Warm-Up Area will be available consisting of ONE marked container of each odor being tested at the trial and may also consist of blank containers. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to TWO (2) minutes or less. The warm-up area is to be used exclusively for warming up the handler-dog team prior to their run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of the dog.

AWARDS

Ribbons will be offered for Qualifying Scores in Handler Discrimination. Rosettes will be offered for Qualifying Scores in Detective, New Titles, and Class Placements First through Fourth.

MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF THE SEARCH

Handlers may not divulge any information about the search, the location of the hide(s), or their performance aside from a thumbs up or thumbs down until all teams have run for the particular class. If anyone is found to be discussing a search before the class has ended, both parties in the discussion (speaker and listener), will be penalized with a "Not Qualified" score (NQ) for the class. Additionally, at the discretion of the event committee, persons discussing a search may be excused from the trial and asked to leave the trial grounds. (AKC Regulations for AKC Scent Work Chapter 2, Section 12).

SEARCH AREA AND CONDITIONS

Searches are frequently done across natural, uneven surfaces and handlers should be aware of and prepared for this possibility. Many searches are conducted outdoors. Therefore, handlers should be prepared for all potential weather conditions. Handlers should understand that searches will be conducted rain or shine unless dangerous conditions are present such as lightning or flooding. Comfortable footwear and water-resistant clothing are recommended. (AKC Scent Work Regulations Chapter 2, Sections 15 and 16).

POSSESSION OF ODORS AND TRAINING

Per Chapter 5, Section 30 of the AKC Scent Work Regulations, no person other than those engaged in the administration of a trial shall be in possession of any target odor when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of an AKC Scent Work trial other than in the designated warm-up area if there is one.

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Frankfort MOTELS ACCEPTING DOGS

Bluegrass Inn, (5 minutes from Tin Woof Inn)

Phone: (502) 695-1800

Capital Plaza Hotel

Phone: 502-227-5100

Frankfort CAMPGROUNDS / RV PARKING

Elkhorn Creek RV Park

502-695-9154

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

By entering these events, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the Event Committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.

Owners or handlers entering a dog in the Trial do so at their own risk and agree to assume responsibility for damage caused by them or their dogs while on the trial premises and for any damage that their dog may inflict to objects or premises during the search. They also agree to abide by the Rules of The American Kennel Club and the *Regulations for AKC Scent Work* as amended November 2019.

Michiana Scent Work Club, Bluegrass Dog Sports its officers and representatives, the Event Chair/Secretary, Event Committee, and the owner(s) of the Event site(s) assume no responsibility for loss of, damage to, or injury sustained by spectators or exhibitors, their property and/or their dogs and further assume no responsibility for injury to children. Michiana Scent Work Club/Bluegrass Dog Sports reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to ensure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

THE SIGNING OF A GENERAL LIABILITY WAIVER, COVID LIABILITY WAIVER, AND SUBMISSION OF A COVID SELF-DECLARATION
WILL BE REQUIRED OF EVERYONE ENTERING EVENT SITE

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the trial grounds.

Dogs must be on leash at all times while on the trial grounds.

No dogs may be left on the Trial premises overnight.